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SUBJECT: US-RP ECONOMIC NEGOTIATIONS

1. DFA'S AMBASSADOR PABLO SUAREZ TOLD ME JULY 22 THAT GOP HAS NOW AUTHORIZED AMBASSADOR VEGA TO PROCEED TO WASHINGTON PROMPTLY TO DISCUSS WITH DEPARTMENT FEASIBILITY OF EARLY RETURN TO NEGOTIATING TABLE.

2. COMMENT: THIS MAY BE RESULT OF JULY 19 LUNCHEON CONVERSATION BETWEEN SUAREZ AND EMBASSY'S E/C COUNSELOR. SUAREZ AT THAT TIME ASKED WHEN GOP OFFICIALS MIGHT EXPECT TO HAVE WORD BACK FROM USG FOLLOWING MY JUNE 20 AND JULY 8 CONVERSATIONS WITH FINANCE SECRETARY VIRATA. THE DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT THESE CONVERSATIONS CONCERNED DESIRABILITY OF A "PRE-NEGOTIATION" BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES TO ASCERTAIN THE LIKELY SUCCESS OR OTHERWISE OF A THIRD NEGOTIATING ROUND ON AN ECONOMIC AGREEMENT TO SUCCEED LAUREL-LANGLEY. E/C COUNSELOR TOLD SUAREZ JULY 19 THAT WE WERE AWAITING AMBASSADOR VEGA IN WASHINGTON, AS HE HIMSELF HAD PROPOSED TO BE THERE AROUND JULY 1, HAD NEVER SHOWN, AND HAD TURNED UP AT OUR MTN GENEVA OFFICE INSTEAD ON JULY 12. FROM GENEVA'S REPORT WE

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NEXT EXPECTED VEGA IN WASHINGTON JULY 18, AND IN ABSENCE OF ANY REPORT FROM WASHINGTON AS OF JULY 23, WE ASSUME HE HAS NOT YET SHOWN THERE. HOWEVER, THE PROJECT STILL SEEMS ALIVE, ALTHOUGH THE PHILIPPINE TERM "PROMPTLY" UNDOUBTEDLY EMBRACES A MUCH LONGER TIME FRAME THAN OUR CONCEPTION OF THE WORD.

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